



## Migratory Bird Wetland Protection Advisory Council (WPAC) Meeting

May 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00 pm

Virtual: <https://mt.gov.zoom.us/j/83096775318?pwd=NWJ0c3FrUXFmNFZ3SDZweS9menFpZz09>

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The Migratory Bird Wetland Program in Montana was established by the Montana Legislature in 1985 “for the protection, conservation, and development of wetlands in Montana” (MCA 87-2-411(2)).

### *Meeting Objectives:*

- 1) Introduce new(ish) staff
- 2) Partner support perspective
- 3) Department update: review of projects and budget.
- 4) Flow Chart Project Examples

### **3:00 pm**

- Introductions
  - o Faye McNew
  - o Sky Losleben
- *Executive Action:* Approve Minutes February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
- *Executive Action:* Approve Charter

### **3:15**

- Partner Perspective – Pheasants Forever

### **3:45**

- Review of Information provided by Department.
  - o Current Projects
  - o Budget
  - o Active Agreements (Added Partner Match)
  - o Project types and Access requirements
  - o Comments or thoughts on 2023 Report?

### **4:00**

- Flow Chart of the project approval process – examples by project type
  - o Rowe (Tall Grass) Low Tech Restoration (streamlined)
  - o Staton Coulee Reservoir (traditional)
  - o Isaac Homestead WMA addition (lands)

### **4:30**

- Policy Topics (Topics for WPAC to review, discuss, provide guidance)
  - o Project Approval Process – how is it working?
  - o Other topics?

**4:50**

- Next meeting date and time?
- Final Thoughts or Questions

**5:00**

- Conclusion.